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Mimi, Juanjuan's cat, was sleeping soundly in the warm sunshine.



Juanjuan ran up and woke Mimi. They played together with a ball.



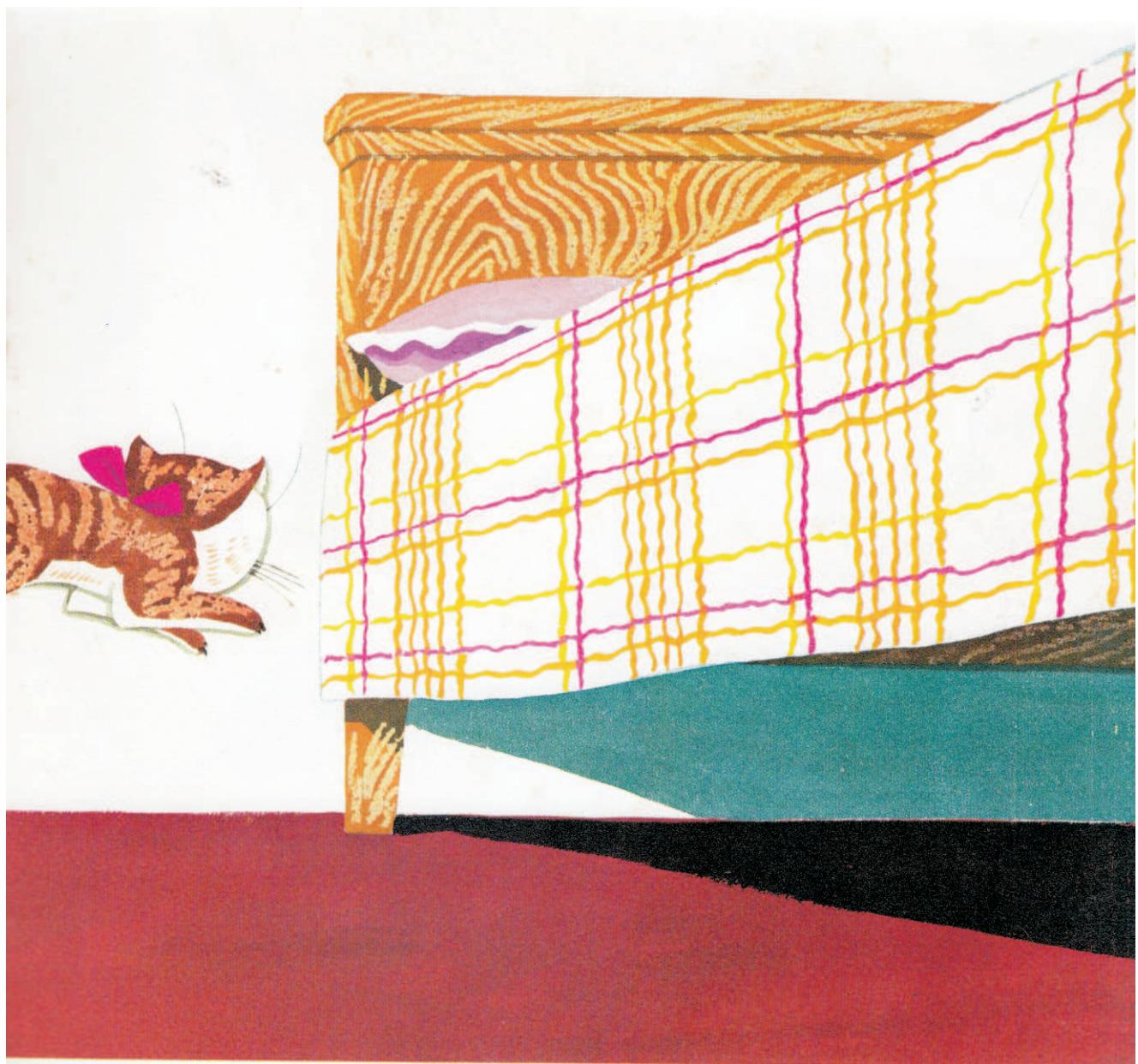
"Let's rest," said Juanjuan and took Mimi into her arms. To her surprise, she found that the pupils of Mimi's eyes were two narrow slits.



She ran back to her room and looked into a mirror.
She saw that her own pupils were round, quite different
from Mimi's.



That evening, Juanjuan was
reading a picture-book when Mimi



suddenly said, "Miao," and dashed under the bed.



A minute later, the cat strolled out proudly, with a mouse dangling from her teeth.



Juanjuan knelt on the floor and peered under the bed. She could see nothing but darkness. How could Mimi spot that mouse?



Her mother explained, "Cats' eyes are not the same as ours."



Juanjuan's mother returned Mimi to the darkness under the bed. Juanjuan looked at the cat and exclaimed, "Her pupils are as round as balls."



Mum told Juanjuan, "A cat's pupils expand or shrink as soon as the light changes, so it can see things clearly either in darkness or brightness."

Then, Mum made Juanjuan a paper cat with moving eyes. Would you like to try one?

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